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SUBJECT: REPATRIATION OF PORTUGUESE MILITARY PRISONERS FROM TIMOR

REF: LISBON 4708 (NOTAL)

1. CHIEF OF 2ND DIVISION OF PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE (PAF) TOLD DATT JULY 19 THAT PREPARATIONS WERE BEING MADE FOR THE RETURN OF THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY PRISONERS HELD IN TIMOR. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, PAF 707 WILL DEPART LISBON JULY 23 TO PICK UP THE 23 PORTUGUESE MILITARY PRISONERS. PRISONERS PLUS CIVILIAN FAMILY MEMBERS STILL IN TIMOR WILL BRING TOTAL TO BE REPATRIATED TO 130. NORMAL ROUTE USED BY PAF IS: LISBON TO ANDREWS AFB TO SEATTLE TO HAWAII TO GUAM TO DARWIN.

2. PRISONER ISSUE REMAINS HIGHLY-CHARGED HERE. PRESIDENT EANES TOLD ARMA JULY 12 THAT RETURN OF PRISONERS WOULD BE PRESIDENT'S FIRST PRIORITY UPON ASSUMING OFFICE.

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GIVEN IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO ISSUE HERE, IT IS IN OUR

INTEREST TO PROVIDE WHATEVER FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE WE CAN
TO ENSURE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PAF MISSION, INCLUDING
PROVISION OF TRANSIT FACILITIES AND TIMLY GRANTING OF OVERFLIGHT
CLEARANCE REQUESTS. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ALERT ADDRESSEES
TO ANTICIPATED OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM GOP.
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